HO-6 ELLERSLIE Cooksville Private

late seventeen hundreds and 1840's

Ellerslie is a twin house with central connecter located on the east side of Route 97 opposite Union Church. The original or eastern portion of the house was erected in the late seventeen hundreds by Captain Henry Ridgely who acquired this tract of land called Ridgeley's Great Range in 1763. It is a three bay wide one room deep two and a half story high stone house with south bay cross paneled door facing east surmounted by a four lite transom. Three dormer windows are placed in its gabled roof.

The western wing is identical in dimension, divided into four bays and connected to the east wing by a two and a half story, three bay wide hyphen

which was constructed by Basil Crapster in the late 1840's.

The whole building contains a symmetry and order which is aesthetically pleasing and representative of the thoughtful and creative approach early Howard Countians took when enlarging their homes.

Standing on a tract of over 100 acres it is surrounded by a spring house, old log house, barns and out buildings, some of which may well ante date the

the building itself.

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Ellerslie is a twin house with central connecter located on the east side at Rt. 97 opposite Union Church. The original or eastern portion was erected in the 1790's and is a three bay wide, two and a half story federal stone white stuccoed house with south bay door (cross-panieled) surmounted by a 4 lite transom. All the windows are double hung w.6/6 lites with shutters. The three dorner windows contain rectangular double hung windows, with 6/6 lites in the gabled roof. A stone patio is reached by a flag stone path from the east driveway and two stone steps. A wrought iron gate is located on the right side of the steps. Hedges and boxwood surround the patio.

An eastern appendage of one story two bays deep and one wide springs from the north bay of this section with hipped roof, south rectangular entrance with 6 lites and windows with shutters, east window 6/6 rectangular shutters. The north elevation contains two brick chimneys within each of the walls of the original eastern portion and later western portion. These are connected by a 2 1/2 story, 3 bay wide connector with brick chimney on the west and central french door with (10 lites on each side) surmounted by allite transom, with central dormer rectangular window with 6/6 lites and full pediment flanked by 4 lites on each side. Flat wooden sills are at all the windows. The gable roof of the connector running east-west intersects with the gable roof of the eastern and western portions of the building which run north-south.

The dimensions at the eastern and western portions are identical though the western elevation has been divided into four bays with two dormers windows rather than three equal bays with three dormers. The double entrance door is located in the south bay, contain "lites in each french door surmounted by a lite transom. A one story flat roofed screened-in porch extends the width of the east elevation and is reached on the north and south by a recangular screen door. Stone paths and steps lead to the porch which is surrounded by boxwood ivy and evergreens. The north elevation of this western portion of the house is completely covered by ivy.

The south elevation of the east and west portions of the house are identical with proportionally scaled fenestration. Each contains a rectangular window with (6/6) lites and four side lites with green shutters centered into the first and second floors of the south wall. The connector is inset accommodating an east entrance door with twelve lites in the west wall and a west entrance door in the east wall of the dwelling. A rectangular central door with ten lites surmounted by a four lite transom is flanked by rectangular windows with (6/6) lites with black shutters. A one story flat roofed porch supported by two simple columns of two one-half columns fills in the space between the east and west portions of the structure. A wrought iron lantern hangs in the middle of the porch ceiling. The porch is reached by a wide stone step. A white wooden bench and captain chair is located on each side of the porch. There are two, two story windows and a central dormer inserted in the gable roof over the central doorway.

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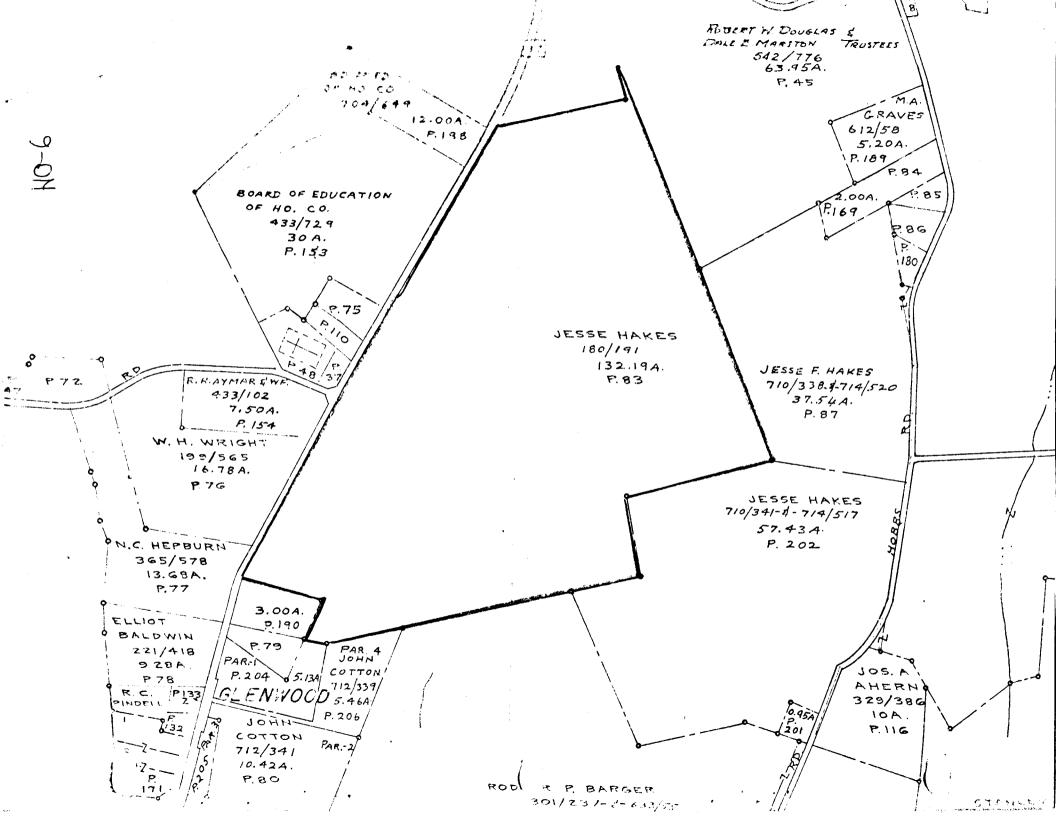
Spring House: A two story stone structure with high pitched gable roof running north-south with central 1st and 2nd floor wooden batten doors on the north east wall lies south of the house.

Log House: With gable roof running east-west. A small one and one-half story log house lies east of the eastern portion of the house. It's east wall contains a relatively new exposed central brick chimney. Two windows with four lites are located in the gable wall on either side of the brick chimney. A window is located with (3) lites of three/half lites in the north elevation to fit into the log window opening, over a cellar door. The south elevation contains a (16) light window with window boxes running along its foundation. The gable roof has an over hang of two feet on the west elevation and contains a central wood patte. with wrought iron hinges and handle. A new second floor rectangular double hung window with 6/6 lites has been added, probably at the same time the roof was raised. A stone step and flag stone paths lead to the door which is flanked by wooden flower boxes containing geraniums.

Small Frame Building East of Log House: This building is separated by the driveway which runs north south. It is one  $\frac{1}{2}$  stories with gable roof. A stucco appentage on its east side is covered with a shed roof and contains a large double door in the east wall. It is used for storing tools. The north side has an old wooden door with interesting wooden lintel and wooden keystone.

Formal gardens bordered by hedges lie north of the residence. A central fountain with reclining rub hold a spouting frog is found in the east garden north of the main residenc. A gabled roof double garage built with white cinder block and green houses lie northeast of this garden on the east side of the driveway.

The acerage is used both as a nursery and pasture and the state Additional barns for livestock are located further north of the property gentry rolling meadows for grazing.





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